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In re the application of

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action of August 18, 2000, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows.

1.(amended) A solid support for analytical measurement methods which is essentially composed of an inert solid support material on which hydrophilic measurement zones [which may be provided with a surface loading] are separated from one another by at least one non-continuous hydrophobic coating, where the number of measurement points applied per cm² of the support is greater than or equal to 10.